

Amendments to the Claims

1. (cancelled)
2. (original) A method for laterally translating saws along and pivoting saws relative to a drive arbor, comprising:  
  
simultaneously laterally positioning an array of adjacent, laterally-contacting sawguides along a drive arbor, each said sawguide having a pivot axis and lateral sides;  
  
simultaneously pivoting said sawguides about said pivot axes causing the contacting lateral sides to slide over one another.
3. (original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the laterally positioning step is carried out with sawguides having opposed, flat, contacting sliding surfaces.
4. (original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the laterally positioning step comprises mounting the sawguides onto an elongate member oriented parallel to the drive arbor.
5. (original) The method according to claim 4 wherein the laterally positioning step comprises biasing the array of sawguides against a steering structure secured to the elongate member.
6. (original) The method according to claim 5 wherein the laterally positioning step is carried out with the steering structure pivotally mounted to the elongate member for pivotal movement about a steering structure axis.
7. (original) The method according to claim 6 wherein the simultaneously pivoting step comprises selectively pivoting the steering structure about the steering structure axis.

8. (original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the simultaneously pivoting step is carried out with pivot pins extending between each said sawguide and a channel oriented parallel to the drive arbor.
9. (original) The method according to claim 2 wherein the laterally positioning step is carried out in a manner so to position the sawguides along a path oriented parallel to the drive arbor.
10. (original) The method according to claim 9 wherein the laterally positioning step is carried out with the path being a generally horizontal path.

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